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THE WEATHER.

Well, as per the parlance of the street, there has been something doing for several days. Snow flying all day Monday and the air all astr— a high wind. Unusual conditions for October.

But look how it was in other latitudes. A 12-inch snow at Butte, Mont. Snow shrouded Kansas, too. And out in Colorado the cold record was also broken.

Without you go to California or Florida, Missouri always fares better than any of them.

The United States war expenditure at present equals \$30,000 a minute.

Three cents postage on your letters after tomorrow. Two cents for a postal card.

Old silver and gold trinkets to help the aviators do their work. Do your bit and leave at Llewellyn's Drug Store or phone 631.

None of the soldiers who have wives can shirk or squander their pay checks. They must send one-half of it home to the wife and children.

Mrs. C. F. Clark addressed all the schools in Mexico Saturday, urging the children to help their parents save food—and thus help win the war.

The food conservation committees ask everybody to have at least one meatless day a week. There are many of us who have nought else but meatless days.

I. T. McCue is soon to retire from the North Missouri Trust Company. He has been with that institution for 14 years. Business interests in Arkansas require his attention.

Don't fail to hear the address of ex-President Wm. R. Taft at Hardin College tomorrow night. He will have a message worth while, and he knows how to tell it, too. Mr. Taft is one of America's greatest statesmen.

A HAPPY WEDDING DAY.

The neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Dean gave them a surprise Wednesday night, it being their 22d wedding anniversary. At dark they arrived from all directions. The long dining table was soon loaded with good things, to which all did justice. A pleasant hour was spent in conversation, music, and songs. Among those present were:

Dr. Reese and wife of Columbia; Ralph Dean and family; Chas. Heinlan and family; Dick Reed, Jas. Heinlan, Geo. Hunley, Joe Crews and their families; Mr. and Mrs. Larkin; Will Heinlan, Jas. Booth, Chas. Dean and their families; Jno. Hardin and wife; Woolery Crockett; Mr. and Mrs. Shock; Mr. Shroat; Hobart Dodd, Mrs. Belle Harrison; Mrs. Etta Winter and son, Mrs. Lodd; Cecil Crews; Clark Harrison; Mr. Wilson; Thelma Harrison; Jim McPheeters; Mr. Joe Blair. About 80 in all. Mr. and Mrs. Dean received a beautiful brass bed complete, springs, mattress sheets and quilts, as a memento of the occasion. At a late hour the guests departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Dean many returns of the day.

JONES-GRITTON NUPTIALS.

Married, at the home of Rev. J. D. Greer, of Mexico, on Thursday, Oct. 25, 1917, Mr. Elwin Jones and Miss Mary Gritton.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gritton of north of Madison, Monroe county, and is in every way worthy of the man of her choice. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jones of Paris vicinity, an industrious farmer and a fine young man.

The wedding was a very quiet affair and was witnessed by the only sister of the bride, Mrs. Curtis Wilson, with her husband, of Benton City.

The young folks will be at home to their many friends after November first.

The Message joins with the many friends of this happy young couple in congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous and long continued wedded life.

Fred J. Roberts of Molino was rejected by the local exemption board for service in the army on account of physical disabilities.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

Hardin Auditorium, Friday Night, November 2nd. On Magnitude of The Task of Sending Across Seas.

Ex-President Taft's subject will be of a patriotic nature. He and other men of his type are giving time to the service of the nation. These men lecture on occasion and, of course, receive pay for these lectures. The fee paid Mr. Taft on next Friday night does not go to any specific cause so far as we now know. We do know, however, that ex-President Taft is contributing in both time and money a great deal more than he ever receives in fees for the benefit of our country at large at this time.

The American people have not yet realized what our going into war means. The more general and accurate information we can get from men high in the councils of nation or from those in touch with our leaders, the better we shall be prepared to perform our part in the conflict. The brunt has not yet been experienced by American troops. We send our boys and our money; the women are responding as nobly as the men. What we need is information. President Taft will give us valuable information. He will discuss, in part at least, what the significance would be of an early peace. He probably will give information as to the magnitude of the task of sending an army across the seas and keeping it supplied from a base more than three thousand miles distant. He may have a few words to say of Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work.

Our people should keep in mind that no man in public life is standing by the Government with a better spirit than is Mr. Taft. He realizes that President Wilson's task is in no sense a question of partisan politics. We trust this community will show its appreciation of this ex-President.

We are glad to know that the sales to date indicate that the people of this community consider it a great honor to have the privilege of listening to a noted ex-President.

Respectfully,
JOHN W. MILLION,
For the Committee.

THE MAN AND GOD.

(By Cleland B. McAfee.)
It is great to be out where the fight is strong.

To be where the heaviest troops belong,
And to fight there for man and God.
O, it seems the face and it tires the brain.

It strains the arm till one's friend is pain,
In the fight for man and God.

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CARD OF THANKS.

I thank my friends for being so kind to me while I was in the hospital, and I thank the ladies of the Eastern Star for sending me that nice box of cake. Yours truly,
FARLEY CAMPBELL.

MR. ROBERTSON.

Winder C. Robertson, 37 years old, died at his home in Mexico Sunday.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robertson, who survive him. One son also survives, Lawrence Robertson, 9 years old, who lives in Trinidad, Colo. Two brothers also survive—Elmer, of Mexico, and Wm. R., of St. Louis. There are three sisters—Mrs. Emma Bodecker, of St. Louis, Mrs. Mary Wykerly, of McKeesport, Penn.; and Mrs. Verna Erskines, of Mexico.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning, Rev. C. A. Mitchell officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Larkin, Mr. and Mrs. Ritter, Perry Ritter and daughters were guests of F. M. Bruners first of the week.

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Fannie Angel et al to Emmett A. & Effie Brown. Warranty. Consideration \$350. Lot 7, blk 2, Doyle's Add to Farnber.

Margaret Holterman et al, to Mary E. Tillman. Warranty. Consideration \$1700.

Lot 3, and W 1-2 of Lot 2, blk 14, Orig. Martinsburg.

Farmers and Merchants Bk, by Jno. P. Alford, to J. M. Webb. Quit-claim. Consideration \$1. Lot 6, and W 1-2 of Lot 7, blk 8, Caldwell & McPike Add to Vandalla.

Magnolia Roberts to James Walter Adams. Warranty. Consideration \$1 and other. Lot 3, and W 1-2 of Lot 2, blk 1, Rawlings Add to Mexico.

J. F. Reeves to S. P. Beedle. Warranty. Consideration \$25. 14 ft x 44 ft. in N. Laddonia, Laddonia, Mo.

Mrs. C. S. Duvall et al to George M. Wilhoit. Warranty. Consideration \$4,000. SE SW and SW SE 14-51-5.

Mary Jane Stewart to Roberta H. Stewart. Warranty. Consideration \$1 and other. 1-2 int in Pt of SW SW 7-51-7, Pt of SE SE 12-51-8, Pt of N 1-2 of NE NE 18-51-7, Pt of SW and W 1-2 of SE SW NE 8-51-7, Blks 1 and 2, and Pt of 7 of Hill and Reusch's S. Add to Rush Hill.

Commercial Bank of Vandalla to J. B. Llewellyn. Warranty. Consideration \$750. Lot 3, blk 52.

Commercial Bank of Vandalla to G. Edward Tuggle. Quit-claim. Consideration \$1. SE SE Sec 20, and N So. A. of NE NE Sec 29. All in 51-5.

I. T. McCue to Wm H. VanDeventer. Warranty. Consideration \$16,000. Pt of NE 25-51-9.

Heirs of P. S. Underwood to Gaither Berry. Sheriff's Deed in Par. Consideration \$7475.

James H. and Norman C. Quinlan to George Lierheimer. Quit-claim consideration \$1 and other. E pt of the N pt of the S 1-2 of the NE Qr 19-53-8.

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McMILLAN NOTES.

(By William Hickman.)

Last Wednesday the McMillan cadets had the pleasure of entertaining a visitor at their regular daily drill. Col. F. N. Henderson, Commandant of the Missouri Military Academy, after watching the drill, made a short address to the cadets, in which he congratulated them upon their wonderful progress and invited them out to witness the Academy cadets drill.

The memorial of the Class of 1917 is expected to arrive soon. Owing to the impossibility of securing a bust of Virgil, the present will be a life sized statue of Minerva, the Goddess of Wisdom.

Following the example set by the Senior Class, the Freshmen had purchased a Liberty Bond. Practically all of the money was collected by contributions, while the rest will be taken from the class treasury.

Last Saturday, before an assembly, Mrs. C. F. Clark, delivered a very interesting and inspiring address in behalf of the Food Conservation Campaign, being waged in all parts of the country in the hour of the war crisis. She urged the substitution of corn for wheat, and the elimination of the use of meat in all possible cases.

On Monday, October 22nd, Prof. Strunk, and his students in Sociology, went to Fulton, where they visited the State Hospital for the Feeble-minded. A good trip was reported.

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collection of both of you and hope you will come back to your old college now and then.

Cordially yours,
JOS. W. MAUCK.

An examination is to be held at the Mexico postoffice Nov. 24 to test some one for appointment as postmaster at Molino.

Low Round Trip

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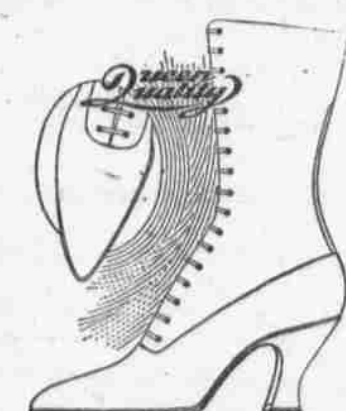
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